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Majority prices for next week were trending lower in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail and food service demand was irregular, but showed some improvements entering the weekend aided by first of the month business and specials. Offerings were at least adequate, longest for heavier weights. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample, but more balanced in spot areas. Wings continued to have best movement with well cleared supplies, and dark meat was usually at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weight were mixed, mostly desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/09-10/13/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTG AVG	LOADS
Chicago	46.00-50.00	46.00-64.00	48.92	26
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	44.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	47.00-64.00	61.17	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
609	57.50-62.75	61.24
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	4,225
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,280
WINGS	67.50	2,802

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WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak on regular commitments with new negotiations fully steady. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity fair. Demand moderate overall, best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 57-79, leg quarters 57-69, whole legs 67-149, thighs 57-149, drumsticks 139-149, wings 67-149, bone-in breasts 89-99, boneless breasts 188-388, boneless thigh meat 119, boneless leg meat 108, roasters 99, [cornish hens 4-pack at 999] and one-day sale boneless leg meat 79 and whole body 59; Northern California - California grown whole body 59 and whole cut-up 79, whole legs 109, bone-in breasts 179-229, roasters 109, and [individually quick frozen 4 pound bag thighs or drumsticks 2 bags for 700].

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices in Chicago for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was mostly barely steady to steady, instances weak. Offerings of additional product were irregular with buyers generally uninterested outside of regular commitments. Retail and food service demand was typical for a Friday, light to moderate, with a few reports of increased interest noted for first of the month business. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate with sizes desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading was mixed on wings, light to good active on tenderloins and slow to fair at best on all other items. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts plentiful, whole breasts and leg quarters fully adequate to instances ample, irregular on wings and limited on tenderloins. Trade sentiment unsettled on breast items and mostly steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were fully adequate to ample at times, however, the smaller birds were usually adequate to balanced. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to move into a more balanced position, but boneless/skinless breasts remained readily available. Wings were clearing well, and the balance of items were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair with some improvement reported from first of the month business and features. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to have seasonally good movement with supplies in balance to well cleared. Availability of breast items was less available, but still capable of handling needs, better where retail ads were active. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was fairly good. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample on the larger. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Bone-in breasts were adequate but less readily available. Wings continued to clear well. Other cuts were fully sufficient for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		41-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		50.69
NO. OF BOXES		11,909
CUMULATIVE	10/02/00-10/06/00	49.62
	10/04/99-10/08/99	51.97
NO. OF BOXES	10/02/00-10/06/00	62,162
	10/04/99-10/08/99	44,467

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	601	115.00-195.00	130-145	167.05	591	128.00-195.00	140-155	170.35	2,916	169.26
TENDERLOINS	215	214.00-255.00	215-220	221.79	174	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.74	835	222.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	72.00-77.00	72-75	72.55	73	72.00-77.00	72-75	72.55	396	75.46
FRONT HALVES	93	68.00-71.00	-	69.49					396	69.58
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT							198	35.88
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	24.00-28.50	25-27	25.80	467	24.00-28.50	25-26	25.80	3,550	26.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,075	28.00-31.50	29-30	29.61	1,285	28.00-31.50	29-30	29.50	5,531	29.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	64	68.00-69.00	-	68.34	104	65.00-69.00	65-68	67.06	492	67.25
WINGS (CUT)	552	80.00-99.00	80-84	84.38	528	80.00-99.00	80-84	83.57	2,345	84.32
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT							45	48.00
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT							19	48.00
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT							144	67.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 05, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

46.00 - 49.75

47.65

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 06, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE****5-DAY****AVERAGE**

46.00 - 50.25

47.90

47.73

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest increased entering the weekend ranging moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings of bone-in breasts were adequate to balanced with current call, however, boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate. Wings were no more than sufficient and continued to be clearing well. The balance of items were at least adequate. The market tone was steady. PRICES PAID PER LB., ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

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CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.06	722,000
TENDERLOINS	185-190	207.75	167,970
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-60	65.56	367,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	61.89	162,000
LEGS	35-36	39.50	266,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.94	502,725
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	35.91	179,710
THIGHS	27-28	34.66	170,510
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.98	47,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	75.31	386,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	96,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.53	84,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.47	92,480

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.92	755,280	133.26	3,543,710
TENDERLOINS	185-190	209.55	220,680	211.86	914,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-60	64.95	378,320	64.51	1,945,049
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	62.22	219,200	61.63	932,040
LEGS	35-36	38.06	537,280	38.81	1,570,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.74	705,722	28.49	2,980,011
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	34.35	257,310	34.82	1,057,200
THIGHS	27-28	31.60	228,250	32.53	980,880
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.97	64,160	82.78	277,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	75.56	422,680	75.95	1,826,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.44	165,480	11.87	543,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.27	99,620	44.37	443,955
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.72	131,432	55.74	540,842

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WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	10/06	10/05	10/04	10/03	10/04	10/03	09/29	09/27
ALA	3,904	3,971	3,859	4,012	5.09	5.05	4,107	4.92
ARK	5,331	5,186	4,871	5,117	4.73	4.87	5,326	4.86
DELMARVA	2,280	2,300	2,373	2,322	5.03	5.12	2,433	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,915	1,921	1,905	1,875	4.39	4.41	1,921	4.30
MISS	2,838	2,796	2,702	2,874	5.01	5.20	2,796	5.12
NC	2,508	2,603	2,664	2,643	5.74	6.01	2,966	5.71
TEXAS	2,193	2,325	1,992	2,109	4.51	4.65	1,970	4.60
TOTAL	20,969	21,102	20,366	20,952	4.95	5.03	21,519	4.96
MON-FRI	105,410(A)						104,464(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06 & 07-Oct-00 is estimated to be 31,372,000 up 0.64 percent from a week ago and down 6.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,648,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Oct-00 is estimated to be 151,551,000 head down 2.5 percent from a week ago, and down 1.0 percent from a year ago (Last week 155,386,000 Last year 153,081,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-105
DRY PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-111
ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	94
ICE PACK	98
DRY PACK	149-165
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sept. 23, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	31,637	36,677	39,739
Avg Weight	3.65	4.75	6.09
% of total /1	29%	34%	37%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,943	40,852	32,411
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.19
% of total /1	30%	39%	31%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,728	41,082	41,556
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	25%	37%	38%
To date/2000	1,259,781	1,263,432	1,529,888
To date/1999	1,220,716	1,184,509	1,549,005

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	155,386(A)	1,792	1,513	3,305	499
AVG WT	4.96	3.41	7.95	5.49	7.01
LAST WEEK	155,155	1,718	1,658	3,376	495
YR AGO	153,908	1,946	1,742	3,688	448
AVG WT	4.94	3.44	7.86	5.52	6.84
TO-DATE/2000	6,035,942	74,862	56,365	131,227	17,404
TO-DATE/1999	5,916,491	82,062	54,518	136,580	17,275

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.3 million head or 7.1 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 03, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80	Silkie 2.50 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.64 - .74	Pigeons 1.00 - 1.85ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 3.50	White Pigeons 1.25 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .60 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .80	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .60 - .70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90	Bunnies 2.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	Guinea Pigs 1.00 - 2.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .90	Kid Goats 35.00 - 40.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.75	Doves 2.50 - 3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS .80 - 1.00
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50ea.	
Leghorn Roosters	1.00 - 2.00	Total Coops Sold 602

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-83
	67-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 02-OCT-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST	26 162.6	154.3	105	4.91
SEPTEMBER	2 159.9	151.1	106	4.80
	9 136.5	148.8	92	4.87
	16 162.8	149.4	109	4.94
	23 157.0	150.2	105	5.03
	30 157.3	150.2	105	4.96
YEAR TO DATE	6111.8	5999.5	102	
OCTOBER	7 150.9			
	14 150.8			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	10/07/00	09/30/00	% CHG	10/09/99	% CHG
Broilers	151,551	155,386*	-03	153,081*	-01
Cattle	706	702	+01	721*	-02
Hogs	1,952	1,964	-01	2,026*	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were about unchanged on light canners, but unchanged to slightly higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were still sufficient for current requirements. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was usually steady on lights and steady to fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-26 MAJORITY 25

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

24.75-27 MAJORITY 25

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-28 MAJORITY 25.75-27.75

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

26.75-31 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were short to adequate for processors needs. Processing schedules will be less than normal to normal for next week as offerings decreased in availability and holiday schedules. Demand was still light and unaggressive as canner sales were only fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduling sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked near desired schedules. Offerings still irregular.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

HEAVY**RANGE****MAJORITY**

Southeast Heavy

TFEWR (1)

Southeast Heavy

TFEWR (2)

f.o.b. plant

TFEWR

South Central Heavy

TFEWR (1)

LIGHT**RANGE****MAJORITY**

Eastern Light

0-0 (1)

Eastern Light

0-0 (2)

So. Central Light

TFEWR (2)

No. Central Light

(1)

TFEWR

No. Central Light

0-.25 (2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for offerings that were adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as about adequate for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Sales of dressed hens were fair but improving. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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